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<p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of _____ sheets, as follows:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the International Bureau only) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</p>	
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):
- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☐ the description:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the claims:
- nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the drawings:
- sheets _____ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	8-15	YES
	Claims	1-7	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-15	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)			
<p>Document 1: JP 61-252475 A (Electric Power Development Co.), 10 November 1986; claims 1, 3, 6 and 8; page 7, top right column, table 2; page 9, fig. 3 & US 4702745 A</p> <p>Document 2: JP 59-184293 A (Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.), 19 October 1984; claims (Family: none)</p> <p>The inventions set forth in claims 1-7 are not novel and do not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1, cited in the international search report.</p> <p>Document 1 does not disclose a specific numerical value for the compacting pressure; however, the compacting pressure to expel water in moisture-containing coal is generally a pressure of the order of several MPa (this application, paragraph [0003]). Part of this compacting pressure can be expected to be transformed into a shear force, and supposing a compacting pressure of 4 MPa, a transformation rate of only 2.5% would generate a shear force 0.1 MPa and satisfy the conditions stipulated in these claims in the present application.</p> <p>The inventions set forth in claims 8-12 do not</p>			

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involve an inventive step in the light of document 1, cited in the international search report. Adjustment of the moisture content by removal or addition of water is within the ordinary competence of a person skilled in the art.

The inventions set forth in claims 13-15 do not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 1 and 2, cited in the international search report. Document 2 discloses a method wherein heavy tar, which is a form of bitumen, is mixed with dewatered coal (claim 1); so addition of bitumen to the dewatered coal is merely an option available to a person skilled in the art